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Dear Jon:

It was nice having you visit us during the APA and Martha and I look forward to having Kathy and you visit us in July.

I am writing for some information because Sam and I are in the midst of preparing a protocol for your consideration. The program concerning anticholinergic compounds has crystalized into three phases:

- a. The study of hallucinagens and blocking agents in dogs.
- b. The establishment of standard toxicity data for the successful blocking agents prior to their administration in man.
- c. The administration of blocking agents following hallucinagens in man.

Indeed, there appears to be a fourth phase - the crux of the program - the administration of the blocking agents alone to acute psychotics to assess their clinical efficacy.

We are interested in carrying on with the first, third and fourth parts of the study. It seems inadvisable to establish a routine screening laboratory. Our questions are the following:

1. Has either the FDA, or PSC established a minimum toxicology program?

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2. Assuming that we have five compounds that require such screening now, and expect to develop five each year, can we ask PSC to undertake this screening on a contract basis?
3. Or, should we include a request for funds for such screening in our application? If so, can you send me the names of the laboratories with whom you have dealt, a summary of the program you required and their estimate of the cost per drug?

The programs have crystalized very well and I should have a draft for you within two weeks.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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